GEM Desktop Publisher™

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Release Note

This release note contains important information. Please read it before you use GEM Desktop Publisher.

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This release note covers the following subjects:

- copying documents
- opening documents with missing source files
- situations in which there is insufficient disk space to save a document
- starting GEM Desktop Publisher directly to a document stored in the GEMAPPS folder or any folder (subdirectory) within GEMAPPS
- footnotes

Please note that your disk set includes a file called README.DOC. Read this file before you install or use GEM Desktop Publisher! It contains important additional information that was not available as the manual and this release note went to press. Using DOS commands, you can **TYPE** or **PRINT** README.DOC, and you can also print it with the GEM™ Output program.

COPYING DOCUMENTS

Each GEM Desktop Publisher document (.GWD file) contains the full directory path information for the text and graphics files in the document, as well as the document's style sheet. For that reason, you cannot copy a document to another folder or disk simply by dragging its associated icons or by using the DOS **COPY** command. If you do, the path information in the document will no longer correctly identify the text and graphics files.

Publisher provides a command (**Copy Document** in the Options Menu) that automatically changes the path information in the copied document to match its new location. Whenever you want to copy a document--to another folder or to another disk--always use the **Copy Document** command.

The **Copy Document** command is described on page 5-19 of the GEM Desktop Publisher manual.

MISSING SOURCE FILES

If any of a document's text, graphics, or style sheet files is missing (because you have deleted or moved the file, changed its name, or copied the document without using the **Copy Document** command), Publisher displays an alert naming the file it couldn't find. What happens then depends on the kind of file that is missing.

.ASC and .STL Files

If the missing file is a text file (.ASC) or a style sheet (.STL), Publisher cannot open the document. After you exit the alert, Publisher displays an empty work area with UNTITLED in the title bar.

To open the document successfully, you must restore the missing file to the path named in the alert. If the file has been deleted, you can

substitute another file of the same type for the missing file. For example, you can copy another .ASC file to the folder that contained the original file and rename it to the original name. Then you can open the document.

.GEM and .IMG Files

If the missing file is a .GEM or .IMG file, Publisher can open the document. After you exit the alert, it displays a shaded rectangle in the place of the missing file.

At this point, you should do one of the following:

- Restore the graphics file so that the document's path information is correct.

  To do so, quit Publisher and return to the GEM Desktop™ or DOS. If you deleted the file, recreate it and save it to the same folder as the original file, or copy and rename another file to the path and filename in the document. If you moved the file, put it back where it was when you created the document. If you changed the file's name, change it back to the original name. Then restart Publisher and open the document again.

- If you moved the file or changed its name, locate it with the Mini-Selector and re-enter it into the rectangle. This changes the path information in the document.

- If you no longer want the original picture, put another file into the rectangle or cut the rectangle from the work area.

INSUFFICIENT DISK SPACE TO SAVE A DOCUMENT

If there isn't enough room on your disk for Publisher to save your document files (.GWD, .GMP, or backups), the program displays an alert after you've chosen the command to save the document; Publisher cannot tell in advance if the document will be too big. This can result in lost work. For that reason, if you think your document might be larger than the available space on your disk, you should delete any files you no longer need before you begin work in Publisher.

If you are working on a hard disk system, you can check your available space with the DOS **CHKDSK** command or the GEM Desktop's **Info/Rename** command. Remember that large documents (more than 50 pages or containing many .GEM files) can produce very large .GMP files.

If you are working on floppy disks, keep your documents on separate disks, unless the documents are small.

Note: The document's source text or graphics files are not affected by an insufficient disk space situation.

DOCUMENTS IN GEMAPPS

Pages 2-4 through 2-6 of the GEM Desktop Publisher manual describe how you can start Publisher directly to a document from the GEM Desktop or the DOS command line. There is one situation in which these techniques (double-clicking on the .GWD icon or naming the document in the command line) do not work as described. If the document is stored in the GEMAPPS folder or any folder (subdirectory) within GEMAPPS, Publisher is started, but the program starts to an empty work area with UNTITLED in the title bar.

As a matter of good file management, do not save documents to GEMAPPS or to folders within GEMAPPS. GEMAPPS is intended only for your GEM application files and their related files, not for document files created by the applications.

FOOTNOTES

Because the placement of footnotes on the page is a function of your word processor and how it views the page, Publisher's word processor file translations (described in Appendix A of the manual) cannot successfully incorporate footnotes. If you run a text file containing footnotes through a file translation, the footnote text can be lost or corrupted.

To avoid problems with footnotes, you can save them in a separate file (or files, if you find that easier) and then create separate rectangles for your footnote text.

End of Release Note